

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4074
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LPG AGENCIES TO KARGIL MARTYRS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Directorate General of Rehabilitation had dispatched a list of Armed Force personnel of Maharashtra killed in Kargil war and terrorist encounters to the heads of District Sainik Boards, Maharashtra with the request to help them in completing formalities in allotment of retail distributership of LPG Agencies/Petrol pumps to war widows/dependents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether beside this all other relief for the rehabilitation of families of martyr's has been made available; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRIGEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4074
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A special scheme for the allotment of oil product agencies to the dependents of Kargil martyrs has been formulated by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. All eligible dependents of Kargil Martyrs from Maharashtra have applied for allotment of oil product agencies under the above scheme, and their details have been forwarded to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for consideration under the scheme.

Dependents of Defence personnel killed in terrorist encounters are eligible for allotment of oil product agencies under 8% 'Defence quota'. Eligible dependents can apply for the same as and when a vacancy is advertised in the local newspapers after obtaining an eligibility certificate from Directorate General Resettlement. Whenever such a vacancy appears in newspaper, Directorate General Resettlement requests the concerned Zila Sainik Board to give it publicity amongst persons covered under 'Defence category'.

The next of kin of Kargil martyrs and of the soldiers killed in terrorist encounters are granted Liberalised Family Pension, equal to the last pay drawn by the deceased soldier, and death gratuity as per the rules. They are also paid ex-gratia grant and Army Group Insurance as admissible under the respective rules. The next of kin of Kargil martyrs have also been given financial assistance from the National Defence Fund for acquisition of a house and education of their children.